

N. Y. DEMOCRATS.

The Free Silver Wing is in Session at Buffalo.

GRADY'S SPEECH A BIG SQUEAL.

He Pays His Respects to Deserters and Declares That They Used Democracy as a Mask for Personal Gain.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 16.—The Democratic convention assembled this afternoon, with State Senator Thomas F. Grady temporary chairman. Addressing the convention he said: "As a loyal representative of Democratic constituencies you have assembled again to declare your faith in Democratic principles, respect for Democratic authority and confidence in Democratic success. In this respect you differ from some who for many years have associated with you using the profession of Democracy as a mask under which to conceal the purely selfish character of their political actions and who are now disgusted with your political opponent denouncing Democratic principles, defying Democratic authority and aiding in so far as they may to defeat the Democratic candidate." The speaker then proceeded to denounce as "sham Democracy" in terms intended to apply to the state leaders who have withdrawn their adhesion from the Chicago candidate. The speaker alluded to McKinley as the "mortgaged candidate." He spurned the allegation of the Chicago platform "declaration favoring repudiation, riot, ruin." He argued for free silver coinage and declared it was not the intention of the party to "disturb or render less secure capital." Nor "attack enormous accumulation of money." He declared the object merely to put an end to unfair accumulations and give opportunity for individual advancement. The party is opposed to civil service as now interpreted because it exacts "collegiate and technical education as requisite for employment." Whereas the vast majority of the youth of the country are without an opportunity for advanced technical education. He closed with an eulogium for Bryan and Sewall.

The statement of the Populists is not fully confirmed by the Democrats. A member of the conference says that the agreement is to be referred to the full committee before it becomes effective. That body may not agree to the terms demanded by the Populists. There will be a further conference this afternoon.

While Grady was speaking the Albany delegation circulated a protest against the nomination of John Boyd Thatcher, for governor, on the ground that he had declared himself for a gold standard. After a number of resolutions were offered and referred and committees named, the convention adjourned till tomorrow morning.

It was announced that Thatcher will throw his influence in favor of the nomination.

Connecticut Democrats.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 16.—The Democratic state convention opened with every indication of being extremely lively. While the delegates are almost solid for the endorsement of Chicago platform and candidates, the whole machinery of the party in the state is in the hands of gold standard men. Anticipating the upset which this condition made inevitable twelve members of the state central committee resigned. There was also talk before the convention met that there would be a bolt of gold standard men in a spectacular way from the convention for the selection for presidential electors and candidates for state officers. William Kennedy, a silver man, was made permanent chairman, and in a speech he praised the Chicago platform and candidates.

The resignations of the state committee-men were accepted "with thanks." A recess was then taken.

The convention endorses the Chicago platform, pledges earnest and faithful support to Bryan and Sewall.

The new state committee appointed embraces all free silver men. Presidential electors were chosen. The following ticket was nominated: Governor, Joseph E. Sargent; lieutenant governor, S. A. Crandall; secretary of state, H. S. Cummings.

A Deal in New York.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 16.—The fusion Democratic and Populist parties of this state were effected at a conference of representatives of those parties this morning. For the active support of the ticket to be named by the Democratic state convention the Populists are to be given five representatives on the electoral ticket and two congressmen. The Populists claim they can swing the electoral vote of this state either way, and are sure their union with the Democrats will result in Bryan and Sewall carrying New York.

GORMAN ASKED TO AID JONES.

Maryland Senator Consents Providing Bryan Will Wear a Curb.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The free silverites are scared. That is the real meaning of Senators Teller and Dubois coming to Washington and the conference held between them and Chairman Jones and Senator Gorman yesterday, and the second conference held by the same quartet yesterday. When the conference was over yesterday the report given out was that the question of fusion was further considered. But the story told by—well, "one who knows," to use his own designation of himself, is both interesting and important. This is the story as he tells it:

When the conference was called to order Senator Teller said that both he and Senator Dubois were of the opinion that the campaign was not being managed to the best advantage. He stated that unless there was a decided improvement there would be very little chance of Democratic success.

Senator Jones is said to have met this with a frank admission. He is reported to have said that he realized that the situation was not as hopeful as it might be, and that he felt that there were many shortcomings. He had no experience in managing a campaign, and he would be entirely willing that the management should be put in more experienced hands. All agreed, however, that resignation was out of the question, but they thought it wise that he should have the necessary assistance. It was suggested that Senator Gorman be placed in charge of the eastern campaign, nominally, but in reality direct the campaign for the whole United States.

Senator Gorman offered an objection. He said that he would take no responsibility unless he was assured that Mr. Bryan would be amenable to advice, which he had shown no disposition to heed up to the present. The senator said he believed that Bryan's speaking tour, embracing as they did every little hamlet—often places where the sentiment was known to be strongly against him—was a great mistake. Unless Mr. Bryan would consent to act under his direction he would not consent to take full charge.

No understanding was reached, but unless Mr. Bryan accepts Senator Gorman as a manager his campaign will have to be made without any practical organization, and disastrous results can but be expected. This is the view which Senator Teller and Dubois are said to take of the situation.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 16.—In conversation with C. S. Collins, a personal friend of Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, he informed your correspondent last night that in less than one week Mr. Sewall would retire as the Democratic candidate for vice president, and that Chief Justice Clark, of North Carolina, would be placed on the ticket by the Democratic national committee.

Mr. Collins was a delegate to the Chicago convention, and represented Arkansas at the notification meeting in Madison Square Garden, New York.

He further said that the selection of Chief Justice Clark would meet with the hearty support of Senator Butler, of North Carolina, who will see that Mr. Watson is also withdrawn as a vice presidential candidate.

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Sound Money Club.

Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 16.—A mass meeting was held last night for the purpose of forming a non-partisan sound money club. Speeches were made by Jacob F. Lindley, Colonel Harry G. Keever, Roland H. Russell and others. Nine hundred names were signed to the roll. Charles F. Webb, local agent of the Big Four in Bloomington, was elected president, and J. M. Shackford, of the primary department of the Chicago platform, secretary.

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MAINE ELECTION.

Latest Returns Indicates That It Will Reach the 50,000 Mark.

GREAT MAJORITIES FOR CONGRESSMEN

The Farmers of the Pine Tree State Turn Away From the Delusion of a Fifty Cent Dollar.

Augusta, Me., Sept. 15.—Now that the election is a thing of the past and the forces of silver and anarchy are routed, the excitement and uncertainty of the past month have quieted down. Today every Republican, together with the gold Democrats, are rejoicing over the avalanche of Monday. Everywhere congratulations are the order of the day, so that the average citizen wears a smile of satisfaction and joy. The sorry silverites are crestfallen and disheartened, and when the 50,000 plurality incident is mentioned to them the only reply they can give is, "Look at Arkansas."

"Is the estimated plurality of 50,000 keeping up?" has been the constant inquiry today. A tabulation of the returns and comparisons indicate beyond a doubt that it will reach 50,000. So remote are some of the back towns that all the returns can not arrive for several days. Thus far returns have been compiled from 375 cities, towns and plantations, and give Powers, 75,384; Frank, 80,181; Batesman, 3455; Ladd, 1837; Gifford, 574. These give Powers a plurality of 45,230 and a majority of 40,338. The same towns in 1892 gave Cleaves, 58,023; Johnson, 46,754; Hussey, 3104; Knowlton, 185; Cleaves' plurality, 11,978.

The 375 towns that gave a Republican plurality of 45,230 this year gave a Republican plurality of 11,978 in September, 1892. The places remaining to be heard from will increase the Republican plurality, which will exceed 50,000 by a substantial number of votes and shows that the strength of the anti-silver man is much stronger than any estimates put forward, and this fact should be given due consideration.

The plurality on the governor's vote is about quadrupled, and if the plurality of four years ago (1287) in the remaining 125 towns gains in ratio the plurality of this year will go easily up to 50,000. While the Republican vote has increased nearly 30 per cent from 1892, indicating that many Democrats must have voted the Republican ticket, the Democratic vote fell off 23,000. As there were only 1009 votes cast for Clifford by the sound money Democrats, there were undoubtedly some 18,000 Democrats who refused to vote for Bryan and free silver.

The congressmen are elected to congress by the largest majority ever given a congressman in this state—Reed by 10,600; Dingley, 11,500; Millikin by 12,000, and Boutelle by 11,800.

As will be seen the old Third district, which Blaine represented so many years, is ahead, which is due largely to a magnificent offering by Kennebec county, a Republican plurality of about 7000, about one-seventh of the entire plurality in the state. Kennebec is the banner county of the state, and her people send a greeting to the Republicans and the friends of sound money throughout the Union.

The Pops Endorse Altgeld.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—After nine hours of exciting debate the Populist State Convention last night tacitly endorsed Gov. Altgeld by leaving the head of the ticket blank. Following are the nominations made: Lieutenant Governor, Henry D. Lloyd; Secretary of State, L. A. Queamal; Auditor, Grant Dunbar; Attorney General, E. J. Burdick; State Treasurer, Joseph Schwarzen; Trustee of State University, Mrs. Fanny Kavanaugh; electors at-large, A. H. Allen, Boone county; O. H. Bears, Bureau county. The platform endorses the St. Louis convention, patently in the nomination of Watson for vice president, and denounces "any action which prevents the Populists of any state from casting their ballot for him." The district presidential electors will be chosen by the district conventions.

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BRYAN IN NEBRASKA.

How Nebraska Soldiers Will Vote.

Editor Press, Polo, Ill.: A couple of my correspondents and friends in my old home, in writing to me, ask what kind of a president W. J. Bryan would make, knowing that I live in his state, and for the benefit of other voters in my old home I answer, by your permission, through the Press.

1st. A man who would deceive his fellow man by publishing a forgery is not fit for any office. W. J. Bryan was editor of the World Herald published in Omaha, in March, 1895, and in his paper he published the following, and millions of copies are being scattered over the United States: "London, March 10, '96. The London Financial News says: The financial situation in the United States is very serious. While the trade of the world is now in the hands of England, it would remain so if the United States should go to the free and unlimited coinage of silver, that rates of interest would fall in this country, business revive and the United States would capture the trade of the world. When that issue comes before the people England will regret her apathy and adherence to the gold standard."

The London Financial News of August 13, '96, says: "We have received numerous letters from American correspondents containing what purports to be an editorial from Financial News, and which is printed in various western papers as campaign literature. An Omaha paper says it is from News of March 10, 1896. No such article was ever printed by us and its whole tenor is directly opposed to the view we have taken of the effect of free silver in the United States. So far from advocating free silver coinage we have persistently pointed out that it spells repudiation and the withdrawal of all English capital." Is such a man capable of ruling 70,000,000 Americans?

And comrades of the G. A. R., what do you think of the use of the flag you fought for and suffered four years to sustain, being used in the streets of Lincoln as a carpet for this would be president. I have just returned from Lincoln, and last Friday, at our state re-union, while 707 Illinois soldiers were in line, 685 voted for Comrade McKinley and 23 for Altgeld and Hoke Smith's candidate; 208 Indiana boys voted for McKinley and 4 voted for Bryan; 138 Ohio boys voted for McKinley and none for Bryan. In Kentucky we have about 275 old soldiers and only four are for Bryan. Bryan will not carry his ward, city, county or state. My brother Bryan lives in his ward and helped to canvass the vote. My brother John W., has always voted the Democratic ticket, but the first thing I noticed, on the 17th, when I visited him, was a McKinley button on his coat. Respectfully,

James O'Kane.

FALSE CLAIMS OF SILVERITES.

Personal Investigation of a Report Proves It to Be Untrue.

Philadelphia, Sept. 16.—At the headquarters of the McKinley and Hobart Business Men's National Campaign committee yesterday it was stated that a man closely associated with the committee had heard from what he believed to be a reliable source that forty-six farmers in the neighborhood of Youngstown, Ohio, were in favor of free silver. He sent for, obtained their names and then had each one visited personally, and found that out of the number forty-three were in favor of McKinley and Hobart, two undecided, and one for Bryan. Among the correspondence was a letter from Manufacturer Day, of Dental county, Nebraska, in which he said:

"Our country here is now and rapidly settled, and we already have a McKinley club here of forty-two members. We are doing everything we can. You can put Nebraska in the McKinley line, sure. Protection and sound money is the cry here. We have three Democrats to take the place of every Republican bolting. Rest easy about Nebraska."

Among other letters were these:

From a prominent business man, Appleton, Wis.: If this country is a sample of what there is in the state, you may put the majority of Mr. McKinley way up.

From a prominent business man in Sweden, Neb.: Our McKinley club here has 185 members; the Bryan club has sixteen. We are alive here in Nebraska, and if there is some way of keeping Bryan talking until election we are sure winners.

A business man of Hampton, Iowa, wrote: "The conditions here are first class. Our usual Republican majority will probably be increased to 1000 this year."

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WASHINGTON NEWS.

Too Many Candidates Gives the Demopopulists a Lot of Trouble.

WHO WILL MUZZLE TOM WATSON?

Sewall Will Either Have to Whack Up or Be Pulled Up—Senator Daniels Inconsistent—Endorsed Cleveland's Policy.

Washington, Sept. 14, 1896.—(From Our Regular Correspondent.)—Who will muzzle Tom Watson? That is just now the question of questions at every secret convocation held at Popocratic headquarters. Watson is an autocrat in all his dealings with the members of the Populist national committee as Bryan is with the members of the Democratic committee, and his demand that Sewall be taken off the Bryan ticket to make room for him has reached a stage where it can no longer be ignored. The Popocratic managers have got to do something very soon, and they are at a loss to choose. Their original intention was to bunco Watson, and there is reason to believe that Senator Butler, chairman of the Populist national committee, was a party to that intention; but Watson has succeeded in stirring up the Populists in portions of the south and west to such an extent that the Popocrats have lost their nerve and are now in doubt about what to do, and bets have been made that they will wind up by throwing Sewall overboard. They would probably have done so before now, if they did not hope for a lot of Sewall's money, and if they had not been afraid of its effect in the east. After the New York convention meets, this week, the last's will not count. They know that they haven't a chance to carry an eastern state, but they want the moral effect in other states of a declaration in favor of Bryan and Sewall, by the New York Democratic convention.

Good news continues to be about the only kind received at the Republican headquarters. It comes from every section and indicates that the reaction against the free and independent coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 by this government is steadily becoming stronger, even in states in which the Republican managers have sent neither literature nor speakers because they believe them hopelessly given up to free silver sentiment. This is, of course, pleasing, but no rainbow chasing is being done by Republicans; their efforts are being confined to states which they have a reasonable right to believe can be carried by McKinley and Hobart.

The calm, dispassionate, legal-like open letter which Attorney General Harmon made public several days ago is by far the most important utterance that has come from the administration, against Bryan's anarchistic tendencies, not excepting the letter from Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Harmon's letter deals exclusively with that clause of the Chicago platform declaring against what it termed Federal interference in local affairs, which everybody knows to have been aimed at Mr. Cleveland's prompt suppression of the interference with the U. S. mail by the railroad rioters at Chicago, the most creditable thing in his administration, and with Mr. Bryan's pledge not to do likewise should he become president, and a similar state of affairs be brought about again. The following words of Attorney Harmon are worthy of the careful study of every good citizen, regardless of party: "This in my judgment, is a far more serious matter than the money question or any other question before the people, grave as they all are. Our form of government may survive wrong decision of those questions, and the people may endure for a time the evils which result from false systems of finance and taxation, but if the President has deliberately disregarded the instrument upon which the Union is founded, by supplanting the authority of a sovereign state by armed force, a precedent has been made which threatens our form of government, while, if a candidate for President may properly pledge himself in advance, as Mr. Bryan has done, to do nothing to protect the proper laws of the authority and enforce the laws of the United States, unless and until the officers of another government request or consent, then we really have no Federal government, for a government which is not entirely free to use force to protect and maintain itself in the discharge of its own proper functions, is no government at all." Mr. Harmon also quotes the resolution offered in the Senate by Senator Daniels, of Va., who presided over the Chicago convention, voted for that platform and who is now on the stump for Bryan, endorsing in the strongest language the President's action in suppressing the railroad riots.

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Committee in 1892. The journal of the K. of L. is now being widely distributed just as the F. A. paper was then, and the result may be as fatal to the K. of L. paper as it was to the F. A. paper which died long ago.

Orders Silver Bullion from Bryan.

To Hon. W. J. Bryan, anywhere on the road.

Dear Sir: I have noticed by the press that you made one remark in your speech at Kansas City as follows: "Open the mints of the United States and 70,000,000 people can get (with an accent on the 'get') silver and have it coined into money." Inasmuch as you will be elected (?) on November 3, next, it is unnecessary for me to say that I have had enough of work and I shall resign my present place and "get" silver without any effort on my part in the way of toil. I am a little crude in resources as to where to "get" the article, but knowing that you will be the senior partner of the new firm of "U. S. Government & Co." I will now place my order with you for one bushel basket of uncoined silver bullion L. O. B., at Washington, D. C., to be directed to my care at the Philadelphia mint.

I regret that I cannot increase this order now as a bushel basket apiece for 70,000,000 people might tax your ability to supply the demand, besides I do not wish to appear hoggish. I want the pure, unalloyed stuff with the celebrated Stewart and Jones brand and, as soon as you have filled all of your 70,000,000 orders you have put me down for another basket from the next supply. All play and no work is my motto. Yours truly, N. I. T.

IS THE RESULT OF EDUCATION

Bourke Cockran Predicts More Victories for Sound Money.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 16.—"The Maine election sounds the political death knell of the Bryanites," said Bourke Cockran yesterday before he took the train for Minneapolis, where he speaks tonight.

"The sweeping sound money victory in Maine means that the defeat of Bryan is foreordained. It means the collapse of the free silver craze. Long ago I said that just as soon as the people could be made to realize that this is a question of labor and not of banks, that the attempt to create cheap money was a conspiracy which would be more disastrous to the wage earners than any other class, the victory would be won. The result of the election in Maine shows that has come to pass."

"When the people thoroughly understand the issue every northern state will be won. I even believe that we can carry Colorado for sound money on this issue."

Mr. Cockran was suffering severely from his throat, which has been strained by his efforts to make himself heard by over 16,000 people last night.

not fool anybody on any other issue and they know they are not in it in any case unless they can fool the people as they succeeded in doing in 1892.

Will Not Grow on Trees.

Commenting on the statement of Mr. Bryan that with open mints 70,000,000 American people can go out and secure silver and have it coined into money and thus have money of their own, Colonel Clark E. Carr, at Lexington, Ill., said:

In his speech at Kansas City on Saturday Mr. Bryan said: "They refuse to recognize the fact that the moment the mints of the United States are opened to the free coinage of silver 70,000,000 people can go out and secure silver, take it to the mint and convert it into money to pay taxes and debts with, and for the purchase of property."

Now we have a statement of what free silver means. It is to be as plenty as blackberries. Seventy millions of people can go out and secure silver—oh, so easy! Surely Mr. Bryan is to bring in the millennium. Who will not be for free silver? No more worry, no more care nor anxiety; no more laborious providing for a rainy day no more of laying up in summer for the rigors of winter; no more need of economy. But the best thing of all is, that it is going to be as easy to go out and secure gold as silver, for Mr. Bryan claims in the very same speech that when we thus go out and secure silver every ounce of silver in the whole world will become worth \$1.29 in gold. If silver thus comes of the same value as gold, or if the bullion in a silver dollar becomes of the same value as the bullion in a gold dollar, it will be as easy to go out and secure the one as the other.

It would seem that this wayfaring man, though a Populist, might understand that even 50c dollars will not grow upon bushes; that the only way that 70,000,000 people can go out and secure them is to earn them or to exchange something for them; that, if it benefited anybody, free coinage would only benefit those who have a stock of silver on hand to sell or who have a mine that will produce it. It would seem, that the wayfaring man, though a Populist, might understand that a thorough free coinage of the bullion in a silver dollar should become as valuable as the bullion in a gold dollar it would take as much wheat or as much labor to get one as now.

My friends, we have never had a financial crisis of the name who advocated free and unlimited coinage except upon the basis of equality in bullion values. There is no possible way of keeping the parity between a coin containing 100c worth of gold and another containing only 50c worth of silver except by limiting the issue of the cheaper coin. Put only such limitations as may be necessary to maintain the parity, but keep the limitation. It has been demonstrated that the coinage of 400,000,000 silver dollars could not raise the price of silver bullion, but when it brought this country to the danger line of a debased dollar of only its bullion value the coinage was discontinued. With such a result and such an experience so recent in our history it is not surprising that all the indications point to the utter defeat and overthrow of Mr. Bryan and of the Populist party.

RENTING MOUNTED ANIMALS.

Almost Any Animal May Be Hired, from a Squirrel to an Elephant.

Mounted animals and birds are rented for a great variety of purposes, and almost any animal or bird may be hired. The fur-bearing animals are rented principally to furriers for use as show pieces. Many furriers buy show pieces but there are others who prefer to rent them, thus getting a new or different show piece every season. Sometimes a large number of animals, from the smallest squirrel to the largest tiger and lion, are rented together for the decoration of a show room; and birds in large numbers and in great variety, from humming birds to peacocks, are sometimes rented for similar purposes.

Animals and birds both are rented for theatrical purposes. A stuffed dog was needed in a play. Just the dog required was found at the taxidermist's. There may be a play with a scene in it in which a hunter comes in with a fawn over his shoulder. The fawn can be hired at the taxidermist's. It may be that in some play an eagle alights upon the stage; an eagle may be hired. In plays depicting circus life, if a parade forms part of the representation, the wagons can be filled with lifelike stuffed tigers, bears and other animals, such as might be found in a real circus. And bears, elephants and various other mounted animals are at one time or another used on the stage.

Mounted animals are rented for various civic displays and parades and for ballroom decorations and other uses. Tigers can be hired for political processions. For a presentation of Little Red Riding Hood a wolf can be hired. Swans are rented and all sorts of birds. Sometimes a dining-room, as on the occasion of a game supper, is decorated with all kinds of game birds.

Lecturers hire mounted animals. Lecturers on natural history to a school, for example, the lecturer might upon the stage a caribou, an elk and a deer, to show the difference between them. Mounted animals and birds are rented for various photographic purposes. A bear, or an eagle perhaps, to be photographed for a trade mark, or a parrot, to be held by a child. The live bird would not keep still; a stuffed bird will. Birds are rented to artists to draw or paint from.

For fish store openings, big porpoises, sharks and sturgeons are rented; and crocodiles and alligators are rented to leather and shoe stores.

The cost of renting mounted animals and birds is much less proportionately for a longer than for a shorter period. The charge for show pieces is a certain percentage of the value, graduated according to the length of time for which they are taken. For a single day a big tiger could be hired for \$10 and a small tiger for \$5; a middle-sized elephant for \$25 a day; a big grizzly bear for \$10 and a small grizzly for \$5. An eagle, for a single occasion, one or two days, would cost \$3 to \$4. A squirrel could be hired for a day for 50 cents, a wolf for \$3, a parrot for 50 cents, a humming bird or a robin for 25 cents, and an ostrich for \$4 a day.—N. Y. Sun.

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TRIBUTES TO TANNER.

His Standing as a Citizen and as an Official.

Condemnation of Altgeld in All Quarters—A Stranger's Estimate of the Candidates for Governor.

Unhampered by the active business man's stereotyped pretext for neglecting to inform himself in such matters, the undersigned has been at considerable voluntary pains, as a stranger personally to the candidates, to clear up some previous doubts relating to the Illinois campaign.

With particular reference to the sitting governor of the state, and a candidate for reelection, continuous personal travel extending on the writer's part to the uttermost bounds of the nation, east and south, and covering a period of several years, might be presumed to have brought immunity from monotonous and humiliating denunciations of his governor at home, but it hasn't. There is not a nook or a corner, however remote, anywhere in which one can escape hearing the man's official career vigorously condemned. The question, for this and other reasons, is: Can we do worse than reelect him, or can we by any possibility help doing better by displacing him?

At one stage of the campaign, in common with several neighbors, I entertained a fear that John R. Tanner was an instrument to that end was at least an unfortunate selection. Opportunities of later investigation in quarters of unimpeachable veracity, have, however, convinced me that I was wrong and that my neighbors had been similarly deceived.

There is no test of a man's intrinsic worth so severe as the crucial one of his personal standing at home. There is no proverb more undeniably entrenched in human affairs than that "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country." When this truism is overcome by any natural order of things it means something. It is at home where he is best known that John Tanner is honored most. I have found that out from men who have known the man intimately from boyhood. Men, too, who touched elbows with him in the ranks of the union forces on many a blood-stained battlefield during the war of the rebellion avouch the same thing.

Benjamin Harrison, than whom no national executive in our history was ever more exacting or conservative in making high appointments, thought well enough of Mr. Tanner to put him in charge of the treasury of the United States at Chicago, with its millions upon millions of money constantly in its custody. He left that and all other public trusts reposed in him unsmirched and unsmirched. To any mind unwarped by false witnesses these things must outweigh the innuendoes and the unsupported charges of men owing a blind allegiance to one whose public record is a national stench for which there is no adequate moral disinfectant.

There is no reason to encumber this paper with details. They have been the subjects of "damnable iteration," and probably will be heard from over and over again. Mindful that a vote for any third candidate, however unexceptionable, will naturally be a vote for Altgeld, and as a humble citizen of a community preeminent as one of the high standards of criticism and an atmosphere of social, intellectual and moral excellence—with a full, profound appreciation of all that—I yet dare say to my fellow-citizens there and elsewhere throughout the proud state of Illinois, that the impending change from Altgeld to Tanner, figuratively speaking, will be like emerging from the dark recesses of some noisome prison house into the pure, broad, open expanse of a sunlit field in June.

JOHN E. WILLIAMS,
Evansville, Ill.

I desire to notice the charge preferred by some, or suggestion of inquiry, rather, that John R. Tanner, the republican nominee for governor, killed Tom Erskine. I will say that the account which I have read of the affair was a six-column article published in the Chicago Times-Herald of date June 1, 1896, prepared for the express purpose of manufacturing capital against Tanner. I have not seen any version of the affair as given by Tanner's friends, nor do I desire to.

It appears from the six-column statement above referred to, and which one may obtain by addressing the Chicago Times-Herald, that in June, 1897, Mr. Tanner with a number of others in a wagon was driving home after working on the road, peacefully, lawfully, disturbing no one, when this man Erskine came out to the road with an ax, leaned his ax against a tree, stopped the team Tanner was in, provoked a quarrel with him, then without a moment's warning suddenly seized the ax and attempted to murder Tanner then and there, as well as to endanger the lives of the others who were in the wagon with him. As quickly as possible, before any other club, rock or missile could be hurled, Tanner seized a revolver which was in his pocket and fired at Erskine, inflicting upon him a wound from which he afterwards died.

Had Tanner, or is there any living man who would not have had the right to protect his own life against such a murderous assault? Those who (now for campaign purposes) would deny Tanner that right of following the natural instincts of self-preservation are infinitely meaner than Erskine himself. I do not mean by this to be offensive; I am only endeavoring to use correct language. I should add that the ax hurled by Erskine was dodged by Tanner, something I suppose that he had no right to do, and, passing on, struck George Lusk, inflicting a mortal wound. A trial resulted in the jury finding Tanner guilty of manslaughter, fixing the penalty at two years, which verdict was immediately set aside by the judge on the bench and a new trial awarded, and upon a second trial being had in November, 1897, according to the Times-Herald account, the jury found only

All that I can say is that the man who had the courage to protect his own life will have the courage to protect this state and maintain its laws against mobs and anarchy. But democrats will not urge this against John R. Tanner. In 1894 Andrew Jackson rode with a party of friends for three days to voluntarily engage in a duel with one Dickinson, fought the duel and killed Dickinson. Andy was also engaged in several other scraps. Andrew Jackson was subsequently nominated by the democratic party three times for the presidency, and elected twice. Every returning 8th day of January the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, democrats assemble with leavened bread and light wines to commemorate the life and deeds of Saint Jackson. Nor is Jackson to be condemned. History shows that he was justified; neither did foul aspersion nor darkened calumnies prevail against him.

I have here 100 extracts from the public press throughout the country, the majority of them from democratic papers, commenting upon what they term Altgeldism and anarchy in our state; and a portion of the democratic state platform adopted at Peoria. Let us redeem our state. Let us defeat Altgeld, and rid our state of anarchy forever! It is not congenial to Illinois soil.

Therefore, let every citizen of Illinois who believes it to be his duty, cast his vote against John P. Altgeld. Rise above party; vote for your state; its institutions and its laws. A foreigner cannot be president of the United States, and Illinois has no use for one as governor, such as Altgeld.

Colfax, Ill.

JAMES P. GROVE

WHALE'S FROLIC.

Water Blown Upon Frightened Boatmen and Their Craft Pursued.

Two men in a row boat fought for their lives amidst a school of ten whales the other day off Newport beach.

The men were camping at Newport, and had gone out for a fishing trip in a rowboat. Having found a good fishing ground, they were pulling in yellow-tail and burrhead rapidly, when suddenly what appeared to be an island arose from the water alongside the boat. The well-nearly capsize the little craft, and the terror-stricken men fell to bailing her out, realizing as they worked that they had had a visit from a whale. No sooner had they emptied the boat of water than they had a similar experience on the other side, and this time a sweep of a whale's tail nearly shivered their boat.

All about them, soon, were whales, spouting water over the sportsmen, toying dangerously with their boat and having lots of fun. The great creatures were apparently in a good-natured mood, for they resented no familiarity, such as having the men poke them with an oar to push the boat from too close proximity. They showed a most distressing curiosity about the little vessel and its contents, however, and the shouts of the men had no effect to ward driving them away.

For half an hour the two riversiders, expecting each moment to be killed by a smash from the tail of one of the mammoth animals, maneuvered about, trying to escape; but no sooner did they pull a few hundred feet away than the whales followed, and the contest commenced anew. The men kept frantically working for shore, and at last got so close that the whales gave up the chase.

At times during the adventure the occupants of the boat could have touched the whales with their hands, and the big ocean denizens appeared to take a mischievous delight in spouting water all over the hapless mariners. When the men reached shore they were very much exhausted, and were bruised all over as a result of being thrown about in their boat.—Los Angeles Cor. San Francisco Examiner.

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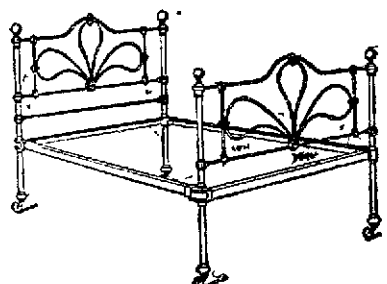
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in Decatur

The engagement of Arthur S. Dumont
of the firm of Dumont & Co., grain deal-
ers, to Miss Margaret Roberts, daughter
of T. T. Roberts and wife, has been an-
nounced in an informal way at a gather-
ing of friends. The date of the wedding
was not given.

The musical which the members of the
College street chapel were to have given
on Monday evening has been postponed
until Tuesday evening. It will take
place at the home of Mrs. J. K. Love, on
North College street. The prayer meet-
ing at the chapel will be held on Monday
evening instead of Tuesday.

The Feast of Yom Kippur, the Day of
Atonement, will begin this evening at
sundown. Devout Hebrews will observe
the day religiously. They will not touch
food for twenty-four hours unless ill.
Invalids are permitted to eat of the motza
bread, which is prepared and cooked
without salt. Yom Kippur is one of the
two greatest holidays in the Jewish cal-
endar.

Indigestive poisons are the bane of
the dyspeptic's life. When sick, see if
your sickness is caused by indigestive
poisons. If so, take Shaker Digestive
Cordial. This is the only certain way of
being permanently cured, because it's
the only way that gets rid of the
poisons. You know that fermented
food is poisonous. You know that poison
is unhealthy. Shaker Digestive Cordial
clears the stomach of fermenting food,
and purifies the blood and system of in-
digestive poisons. It cures indigestion
and the diseases that come of it.

HONEST MONEY DEMOCRATS.

Delegates Elected from Macon County to
the Congressional Convention.

There was a large assemblage of sound
money Democrats of Decatur and Macon
county at the office of C. A. Ewing last
night for the purpose of selecting eleven
delegates and eleven alternates to the
sound money congressional convention
held at Springfield this afternoon. Frank
M. Pratt was the chairman of the meet-
ing and Charles T. Haigh secretary.

Delegates—John Barron, Warrensburg,
John Kempshall and Thomas Kramer,
Macon; George B. Spitzer, Mt. Zion, Hi-
ram Ward, Elwin; J. W. Turner, Boody,
George W. Johnston, Austin; E. R. Scrog-
gins, Harriestown; J. G. Cloyd, A. M.
Thrift, F. M. Pratt, Decatur.

Alternates—H. C. Mowry, Forsyth, J.
N. Kofer, Harriestown; F. M. Browning,
Wheatland; Harry Shlaudemann, Carroll
Finn, W. T. Cussins, Dennis Bradley,
Richard Peake, R. E. Gray, Seymour
Campbell and A. R. Montgomery, Deca-
tur.

Spring Lake Club Affairs.

Eighteen of the ninety odd Decatur
members of the Spring Lake, hunting
and fishing club met at the city council
room in the court house last night to dis-
cuss ways and means for paying off the
floating debt of \$1350 which hangs over
the club at the present time and for which
it has been sued in the Tazewell county
circuit court. William Traver was select-
ed to preside over the meeting and W. C.
Johns unfolded the plan which he had for
raising the debt from among the Decatur
members of the club, with the ultimate
intention of the concern in time coming
entirely within the control of the local
stock holders. The proposition made was
to raise the floating debt at once and to
also secure enough members who would
contribute perhaps \$5 a month to accumu-
late a fund for taking up the mortgage
of \$6000 on the club property and thus
secure control of it. J. C. Hostetler and
C. P. Housman were selected to see what
could be done about raising money and
another meeting will be held in a few
days to further discuss the club's affairs.

Bill Starr Tanner Club.

W. H. Starr has purchased uniforms for
fifty colored men who constitute the Bill
Starr Tanner club. They organized last
night by the election of the following
officers: Tom Miller, captain; G. M.
Holmes, first lieutenant; Robert Steward,
second lieutenant; James Hollings, pres-
ident; James Loomis, vice president; John
Moore, secretary.

The uniforms consist of a gold standard
hat, white coat, crown colored badge, with
the picture of Tanner and McKinley on
badge. The standard which they will
carry is an exaggerated representation of
a coon skin tanned. The Bill Starr Tan-
ner club expects to cut a wide swath in
the parade tonight. The members are
requested to meet at 6 30 o'clock this
evening at Cheap Charley's and receive
their uniforms.

"The Pulse of New York."

As the saying goes, "A good tale will
bear telling twice," and so the theatre go-
ing public of this city will no doubt wel-
come the return of "The Pulse of New
York," which comes to the Grand next
Saturday evening clad in its new attire,
consisting of scenery, effects, etc., and
presented by a matchless company of ar-
tists, headed by Carrie Lamont and Chris
Bruno. "The Pulse of New York" may
be described as a happy blend of the farce,
melodrama and vaudeville, and is there-
fore sure to meet the tastes of every one.
Particular attention is paid to the vaude-
ville department, which is apparently the
reigning fad in things theatrical of pre-
sent times, and one act is devoted exclu-
sively to that, which is presented a series
of high class specialties.

Clay Clement's Return.

When Clay Clement appeared here last
season he was unknown, and those who
went to see him out were filled with un-
certainty and perhaps with an inclination
to sharply criticize this new star. The
unmistakable success he achieved and the
delightful impression of his art is still
commented upon by those theater goers
who witnessed his first appearance here.
When Mr. Clement plays his return en-
gagement at the Grand next Monday
evening, Sept. 21, his reception will be a
cordial one, for he is no longer a stranger
to our theater goers but an artist who has
won a high place in their estimation and
whose actual visit to this city is an event
that all lovers of drama will look forward
for.

Fourth Ward Republican Club.

The Republicans of the Seventh district
of the Fourth ward met at Jacobs' store
last night and organized a McKinley
marching club. Over fifty voters were
present. Henry Ammann, district vice
president, called the meeting to order and
D. A. Maffit was elected chairman; Henry
Metz, secretary. The club was organized
promptly with fifty members. W. H.
Spence was elected captain and E. E.
Carmichael lieutenant. The members of
the club and all other Republicans or
sound money men who wish to join it
will meet at 8:30 o'clock, to march to head-
quarters for the parade demonstration.

Republicans Attorneys.

A meeting was held at the office of Mills
& Fitzgerald when the attorneys of the
city organized a Republican club. There
were twenty-six lawyers at the meeting.
John Fitzgerald was elected president
and John Lee secretary. The club mem-
bers will have uniforms and will be a
feature of club parades. W. B. Tyler, F. E.
Bunn and W. W. Shelley were appointed
a committee of uniforms. A demonstra-
tion of the club will be held on the
parade of the 22d.

SOUND MONEY TALK.

Hon. C. A. Ewing Gives Some Plain
Facts on the Money Question

AT A RAILROAD MEN'S MEETING.

He Tells the Advantages of a Gold Basis
and the Dangers of Free Silver
to a Large and Interest-
ed Audience.

Last evening at the Wabash railroad
yards Hon. C. A. Ewing made an address
to a large number of the members of the
railroad men's sound money club. His
remarks were confined to the money ques-
tion and he made a clear and business like
statement of the advantages of a gold
money standard. He spoke substantially
as follows:

"There are three organizations before
the people in this campaign. The Demo-
crats met in Chicago in July and declared
themselves in favor of the free and un-
limited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16
to 1. The Republicans declared them-
selves in favor of the gold, or present
standard. Their idea is that all kinds of
money shall be issued and that they shall
all be kept at an equal value, gold being
the measure of standard. The sound
money Democrats are against the free
silver clause. I was one of the fifteen
men who met on the night of the Chicago
convention and decided that another con-
vention should be held. This was done
and we decided upon a money principle
which I think is a little sounder than
that of the Republican platform. The
only difference is that the sound money
Democrats are not in favor of the issuing
of greenbacks. These can be cashed in
at the treasury and are then issued again
and in this way the treasury can be rob-
bed of all the gold.

"The great question before the people
is whether we shall inaugurate the free
and unlimited coinage of silver or stay
with the present standard. We are now
issuing all kinds of money and one dollar
is as good as another. As long as there
is not more than eight or nine millions of
silver in circulation the government can
keep it on a parity with gold. In the
world there are \$400,000,000 worth of sil-
ver in coin and much more than that in
other forms. If the mints of the United
States are opened to the coinage of this
silver the government cannot make the
53 cent dollars worth 100 cents.

"We must look at this matter in two
lights. We will first consider it in the
light of what is due to the country, or in
the light of patriotism. If you should go
upon the free and unlimited coinage of
silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 you would
overturn the money basis which has ex-
isted in this country since 1834, and been
successful. I say that the set of men
who propose this experiment have upon
them the burden of proving its benefit.
By having the free and unlimited coinage
of silver it would take us out of the ranks
of civilization. Gold is the basis of all
advanced nations and free silver would
put us on an equal with Japan, Mexico
and China. This free silver policy would
make 53 cents worth of silver into 100
cent dollars for the benefit of a few and at
the expense of the masses. Those who
have large amounts of silver would get
the 100 cent dollars for 53 cents and we
would be forced to accept them.

"We will look at the matter from a self-
ish standpoint. You are all wage ear-
ners and your success depends upon the
amount and certainty of your employ-
ment and the exchange value of the
money you receive for what you do. The
railroad company's prosperity depends
upon the prosperity of the country and
your prosperity depends upon that of the
railroad company. Now the heads of the
railroads are men who know what is good
for them and they are all in favor of a
gold standard. What is good for them is
good for you. The free silver men say
that gold will go down and prices up.
The gold won't go down but prices would
go up, and the first to go up would be the
prices of commodities of life. Wages are
the last things to rise. The store man
can put up his prices and you have to pay
them, but you cannot put up your wages
without consulting with your employer.
It is true that wages go up slower than
the prices of the necessities of life."

At this point in his speech Mr. Ewing
gave some figures which showed that
wages under the gold standard have grad-
ually risen both in amount and in pur-
chasing power since 1860. Continuing he
said: "Your interests do not coincide
with the laborers of free silver countries
where the men receive from 15 cents per
day to probably \$1 per day with 50 most
skilled men. Your interests coincide,
however, with those of the gold com-
panies. Your employment depends upon
the prosperity of the country. I will ask
if there is any man here who expects to get
into any better business than the railroad.
I do not think there is one. He may
want to climb up higher in the employ-
ment of the service. I will ask if there
are any who think that free silver would
tend to make the railroads more prosper-
ous. If so he may esteem himself more
wise than the men who are at the head of
the roads. I doubt if there are any pre-
sents who think that they would be paid
in anything but silver if we had free coin-
age. There would be very little gold and
the railroads would be left with the men of
the gold standard."

POLITICAL MEETINGS.

Republican rallies to be held
Decatur and vicinity.

Below are the official dates of Republi-
can meetings to be held in the near fu-
ture:

Afternoon and Night.
At Oakland Park—Decatur, Sept. 16,
Hon. Warner Miller of New York, Hon.
J. A. Connolly, Hon. W. A. Northcott,
Hon. C. E. Atkin.

Night Meetings.
At Blue Mound, Sept. 17—I. R. Mills
St. Mt. Zion, Sept. 18—I. R. Mills
At Bondy, Sept. 18—W. H. Bean
At Delavan, Sept. 19—I. R. Mills
At Elwin, Sept. 19—A. H. Mills and
L. H. Shelley.

At Macon, Sept. 24—J. E. Sharrock.
At Cerro Gordo, Sept. 25—W. F. Col-
bourn.

At Macon, Sept. 19—J. M. Clokey

THE FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

statement as to its Affairs—The Officers
and Committee.

The committee for the coming confer-
ence year have been appointed for the
First M. E. church and the expenses gone
over by the officials. They find the church
business to be in a flourishing condition.
During the year the church has raised
about \$10,000 and they have expended
nearly that amount for the preacher's
salary, providing elder's salary, benevo-
lence, missionary work, running ex-
penses and improvements.

The improvements this year have been
pretty extensive. The church has paid
out \$3800 in repainting the Sargeants'
chapel, Wesleyan chapel and improve-
ments on the First M. E. church house.
They have renovated, calcined, carpet
ed, painted, and put new furniture in that
building.

The following officers were elected for
the coming year:

Stewards—Levi Towl, C. M. Imboden,
W. S. Grubbs, Dr. A. L. Collins, D. A.
Stratton, S. E. Huff, S. M. Irwin, Frank
Suffern, Milton Johnson, Jr., J. F.
Roach, C. D. Nims.

Treasurer—Milton Johnson, Jr.
Recording Steward—J. F. Roach
District Steward—C. M. Imboden.

The following committees were appoint-
ed for the ensuing conference year:

Mission—John G. Imboden and wife
and Mrs. T. B. Ewing.
Church Music—Milton Johnson, W. H.
Hubbard and D. A. Stratton.

Parsonage and Furniture—Mrs. T. B.
Ewing, John G. Imboden, Milton John-
son, Mrs. John W. Sumner, Mrs. F. M.
Hudson and Mrs. Levi Towl.

Conference Claims—W. L. Grubbs,
W. H. Hubbard and S. M. Irwin.

Estimating Preacher's Salary—C. M.
Imboden, Dr. E. W. Moore and Hiram
Johnson.

Church Extension—J. C. Beatty, James
Hall and George W. Hiler.

Sunday Schools—J. R. Gorin, Allan
Litsinger and George T. Tucker.

Tracts—Mrs. N. W. Woodford, Mrs.
Emory Hall and Miss Mary Lowery.

Temperance—Dr. Naomi Pierce-Collins,
N. W. Woodford and T. P. Vest.

Education—Milton Johnson, Jr., Miss
Kats Alken and Levi Towl.

Freeman's Aid—George W. Bright, J.
G. Flint and William Bennett.

Church Records—J. F. Roach, Theo-
dore Ewing and Spence Huff.

Gus Brown Cut.

Gus Brown is a barkeeper for his broth-
er, Billy Brown, at the saloon at the cor-
ner of North Morgan and Corro Gordo
streets. Some time ago Gus had trouble
with William Stafford, a former Wabash
brakeman, and Stafford was put out of
the saloon. Last night Gus Brown and
his wife were about to pass through the
gate at their home, when Stafford ap-
proached Brown evidently for the purpose
of making trouble. A few words passed
between the two men when they came
to blows. Brown knocked Stafford down
and in the scramble Stafford came at
Brown with a knife, cutting him twice,
once on the left wrist and once on the
leg. Mrs. Brown telephoned for the po-
lice and Stafford fled. Dr. Carter dressed
Brown's wounds. He bled freely. The
patrol wagon with Captain Mutherslaugh
and Officer Leach on board reached the
scene, but Stafford had fled. He could
not be found. Brown will recover.

This morning on the levee at about 6
o'clock Officer Leach found Stafford and
lodged him in the county jail. Mr.
Brown is unable to leave his home. War-
rants were sworn out today for Staff-
ord by Mrs. Brown, who witnessed the fight.

Crackers.

We are frequently asked the question
where can we get fresh crackers. We al-
ways answer by saying: "It is not so
much where you can get fresh crackers
as it is where you can get the best. The
crackers that are sold at 5 cents per pound
are but little better than hard tack. The
dealers pay more than 5 cents for the best
crackers, consequently they cannot sell
them at that price."

The Decatur Cracker Co.
sept 15 oct 1

Central Illinois Conference.

The Central Illinois conference of the
United Brethren in Christ will convene at
Lexington, Ill., today. Bishop John-
than Weaver, D. D. of Dayton, Ohio,
will preside. The following ministers
from Decatur are at the conference:
Rev. L. Field, Z. T. Hatfield, W. E. Si-
bole and J. A. F. King.

Death of Miss Portwood.

Miss Laura Portwood died Tuesday af-
ternoon, Sept. 15, at the family residence,
1044 North Water street. She was 17
years of age and had been sick about four
weeks with typhoid fever. The funeral
will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at
the residence.

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TRAMP OPERATOR.

HERE were probably 700 passengers on No. 1. That was her fair average, and Conductor Hubbard afterward said he thought that on the night of September 4 she had carried her full quota. If he had realized what was back of the innocent query of the tramping-looking substitute operator at Hogarth, he would have been a pretty badly frightened man, even though the event was three days in the past. Only Kenneth and the second train dispatcher knew how close 700 persons had come to death on the night of September 4. True, a certain boy may have had a remote idea of it, but that is only a hazard, for he was a very stupid boy.

Kenneth was on the hog train. It was habitual with him. His shoes were bunches of frayed leather; his trousers were greasy and torn; his coat was seedy, and although he had washed his shirt regularly three a week in the waters of whatever pond or creek he chanced to discover in his line of transit, still, it was an evil-looking shirt which did not begot confidence. He was unshaven and in general appearance was similar to the accepted idea of a hobo. The time had passed many years back when he felt that it was worth while to appeal to station agents or operators along the line of his travel for assistance. His garb and guise were not such as to prompt self-respecting telegraphers to talk in his behalf to the conductors of freight trains, and so what progress westward he made was a tribute to his own vigilance and agility—vigilance in detecting just when the brakeman's back was turned and agility in swinging under the cars and upon the trucks. And he was perfectly and trampingly satisfied.

Kenneth sauntered up the platform at Hogarth and took a seat on a box just outside the station window. He would have been ordered away had the agent been in the office, but the agent was not there. The agent, having been overcome by heat at three o'clock—September heat is the most potent heat in that desert land—had been carried up to his house to rage in delirium and die, perhaps, for all the medical attendance a Wyoming settlement could afford. It was his student who sat in flushed importance at the telegraph table when Kenneth roved up to the window and anchored on the box. Kenneth had toured that road until he had a first-rate knowledge of the time-card, and he knew that if 602 was on time she would draw her serpentine length of freight cars up to the Hogarth station about an hour after No. 1 had gone whizzing eastward with her fast mail and her sleepers. It was his purpose to annex himself to 602 and proceed westward.

Idly, through the open window, he studied the boy. He was a very stupid-looking boy, and at this time of his superior's disability a very important boy. Kenneth estimated his age at 14 or 15, and tried to think how stupendous an opinion he himself had had of himself when he was a boy of 15 and was left for the first time in charge of an office. He listened in a passively interested sort of a way as the boy fought on the second wire for 15 minutes in his vigorous purpose to ask the time of a far-away telegrapher, even though the heavens might fall. It was like old times. All plug operators, he remembered, do that sort of thing—fighting, fighting, fighting in their determination to take the wire from anyone else who may desire to use it—the train dispatcher alone excepted from the list of those to be held in contempt.

The tramp operator waited at last of the boy's "smartness" on the line, and leaned back against the side of the

HE STUDIED THE BOY. Kenneth listening to the clamor of the dispatcher circuit—listening to orders, reports and other minutiae of running trains by telegraph. In the course of time he learned a thing which caused him to curse his luck and look upon himself as one outraged, for by attending the racket of the dispatcher's line he found that No. 1, the passenger train, was late, and instead of meeting her at Rosalie, the station east of Hogarth, where the tramp operator was waiting, 602, the fast freight, had been given permission to go as far as Williamston, the station next west of Hogarth, for the meeting. No. 1 had been warned in due time of the change.

The fast freight had been out of Rosalie ten minutes and was fast approaching Hogarth when Kenneth heard the man at Humboldt telling the dispatcher that No. 1, having made up 15 minutes of her time and being now but 45 minutes late, desired to proceed on eastward to Hogarth for the meeting, rather than risk having to wait at Williamston. The order was promptly given, for express trains are things which must be humored by train dispatchers. This, of course, made it peremptory to stop 602 at Hogarth and give her a revised order in conformity with that now held by the conductor of No. 1. It was easy enough. All that was needed was to call up the operator at

operator to repeat what he had received and so on. And so when the anxious dispatcher called upon the boy at Hogarth and said "36 No. 602," the shabby man of the Morse was aware that what was wanted was the consequent of the red signal and the consequent of holding 602 for revised orders. But, to his surprise, the boy did not make the customary response, "37 No. 602," which would be the short way of saying: "I have hung out my red signal and will hold 602 for orders." Instead, he scratched his head in a puzzled way and after a moment telegraphed back to the man who had directed him: "How's that? What do you mean?"

It is very likely that the dispatcher had an attack of vertigo at that moment that he realized that a fast freight train and a heavy passenger train were approaching one another on the curving, twisting track, each going at highest speed, and each seeking to make a different station for passing, and when he realized at the same time that a lot of a student did not understand what was wanted of him. Painstakingly and slowly the dispatcher ticked back: "I m-e-a-n to p-u-t o-u-t y-o-u-r r-e-d l-a-m-p f-o-r N-o. 6-0-2."

Slowly it came, indeed, but if the ticking was slow, the beating of the heart of the dispatcher must have been fast enough. The boy's face lighted up. In a tangle of enthusiasm he rattled off this answer, jumbling his words together in a way unintelligible to any but a waiting ear: "Allright, I'll put it out."

With a smile at the change of events which had altered it so that No. 602 would stop after all and give him a

chance to mount an end sill or climb under a car, Kenneth rose and walked up the platform. It was not a long platform, for the town was small, but by the time he had reached the end he saw the light of No. 602 swinging into the only five miles of straight track on the road, and he realized that in a few minutes, obeying the command of the red lantern on the target, she would stop and give him a chance to get on board.

He turned to look back at the signal light and his face took on a stony mask of dismay. He was to be disappointed again. The light was not shining. Doubtless the order had again been changed. The language he used was pregnant and outspoken. The train drew nearer. He could hear the rapid sound of the locomotive's exhaust and there was no hope of her stopping.

Suddenly a fearful thought came to him. He remembered he had not seen the boy put out the lamp at all. What if—

He rushed back to the window like a fury. "Where's your red signal for this train?" he shrieked. "Stop this train! Stop her! The dispatcher has orders for her!"

Very likely the boy would have told the ragged and dirty tramp to mind his own business, but for that allusion to the dispatcher. Heaven permitted this fool to have a thought at the right time, and in an expostulating, mumbling way he said: "No, he ain't. He told me to put the light out, and I've been five minutes tryin' to put it out. Had to take it apart after I could blow it out and now it smokes like all the—"

There was no time for him to complete his simile, for Kenneth was through the window now and had the red office flag in his hand. He seized the hall lamp from the telegraph table and with the flag folded about the chimney to give the crimson hue of danger he rushed to the platform, the improvised red signal sending its dim message of warning weakly down the track toward the thundering engine of No. 602, now scarcely 50 yards away.

Weakly, but it answered its purpose, for, although the train's momentum carried it far past the office, she came back in response to that well-known signal. "The kid's red light blew out and I had to help him fake one up," said Kenneth to the conductor, and then he sat down to take the order, pushing the boy aside as though he were not to be considered.—Chicago Record.

—The eggs of a blue-bottle fly, if placed in the sun, will hatch in two or three hours. Linnaeus declares that the larvae of three blue-bottle flies will devour the carcass of a horse as quickly as would a lion, so rapidly do these insects increase, and so voracious do they become.

—Locusts are mentioned as one of the plagues of Egypt, brought upon the land of the Pharaohs by Moses and Aaron in 1481 B. C.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

Return of the Distinguished Actor,
...MR. CLAY...

...CLEMENT...
And his Admirable Company, in
The New

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 16, 1896.
The **REPUBLICAN** is indebted to E. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations.

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.
Wheat—				
September.....	59 1/2	60 1/4	59 1/4	59 3/4
December.....	61 1/4	62 1/4	61 1/4	61 3/4
May.....	21 1/2	22 1/4	21 1/4	21 3/4
Corn—				
September.....	24 1/2	25 1/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
December.....	18 1/2	19 1/4	18 1/4	18 3/4
May.....	5 7 1/2	5 8 1/4	5 7 1/4	5 7 3/4
Oats—				
September.....	6 7 1/2	6 8 1/4	6 7 1/4	6 7 3/4
December.....	3 30	3 36	3 30	3 35
May.....	3 67 1/2	3 72 1/4	3 67 1/4	3 72 3/4
Barley—				
September.....	3 12 1/2	3 13 1/4	3 12 1/4	3 12 3/4
December.....	3 85	3 90	3 85	3 90

Dec. wheat: puts, 60 1/2c; calls, 60 1/4c; curb, 60 1/4c.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—250, Estimated, 175. Year ago, 48.

Corn—338, Estimated, 315; a year ago, 347.

Oats—240, Estimated, 300; a year ago, 272.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 215; Corn, 475; Oats, 210.

LONDON, 1 p. m.—Off coast: Wheat, nothing doing, corn nothing doing. On passage: Wheat firm for white, dull for red, corn rather easier.

English country markets firm. French country markets quiet.

LIVERPOOL, 1 p. m.—Wheat, spot, steady; futures quiet; corn, spot, quiet, futures quiet.

Log receipts 7,000; estimated 20,000. Market steady to shade lower. Light, \$3.00; heavy, \$2.80; mixed, \$2.90; heavy, \$2.90; rough, \$2.80; mixed, \$2.90.

Estimated for to-morrow, 28,000.

Cattle receipts 10,000, market 10c lower, except best.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 16.—Wheat, cash, No. 2, red, 62 1/2c; Dec., 64 1/2c; Corn, cash, 10 1/2c; Dec., 20. Oats, cash, 16 1/2c; May, 19 1/2c.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Wheat, Dec., 67. Corn, Dec., 27 1/2. Oats, Dec., 21.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Butter, quiet, 80. Eggs, quiet, 14 1/2c.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, Sept. 16.—Corn, higher, No. 2 white 20 1/2c; oats, fair demand, No. 2, white, 20 1/2c; Rye nominal.

DECATUR STOCK MARKET.

The following are the ruling prices paid by local dealers for stocks:

Cows and Heifers.....2.50@3.00

Steers.....3.00@3.50

Hogs.....3.50@4.00

Cattle.....3.00@3.50

Sheep.....3.00@3.50

Export Cattle.....4.00@4.50

Charles and George Zorger of Weldon, departed for New Mexico, where they went for the benefit of George's health. The doctors say he has consumption.

Special Assesment Notice

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Decatur, having ordered that a sewer be constructed which shall commence at a point 12 feet south of the center of the intersection of the alley first north of Herkimer street and Clinton, thence northwesterly to center of said alley, thence west to center of alley between Broadway and Morgan streets, thence north to south line of Division street, in the City of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, have applied to the County Court of Macon county, Illinois, for an assessment of the cost of said improvements, according to benefits, and an assessment roll thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be heard at the October term of said court, commencing on the 1st day of October, A. D. 1896. All persons desiring to object to said assessment and make their objections known to the City Clerk of said city, must do so before the 1st day of October, A. D. 1896.

Decatur, Illinois, Sept. 16, 1896.

JOHN S. JONES,
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Sept. 16-45

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Handsome double fold plaids 15c yd.
Silk and wool plaids 19c yd.
52-inch Scotch Homespun, heather mixtures 65c yd.
Satin finished all wool Jacquards in black only 59c yd.
Choice assortments of high grade novelties 75c, 85c, \$1.00 up to \$2.00.

Housekeeping Linens.

60-in. fine table damask, some extra values, worth up to 80c, 10 pieces in the lot, choice 49c yd.
72-in. bleached and cream damask, soft finish, German manufacture, 5 patterns, value \$1.15, sale price 75c.
200 doz. fine 1/2 and 3/4 damask napkins, bleached and cream, worth up to \$1.75, choice \$1.10 doz.
150 doz. fine 1/2 damask napkins, 4 distinct lines, worth up to \$4.00 sale price \$1.98 doz.
500 doz. fine towels, comprising damask, huckaback and fringed, sizes from 17x32 to 23x50, worth 25, 35 and 50, sale price 12, 19 and 25c.
One lot tray cloths, splashes, doilies, centre pieces, table covers, &c., some excellent values, your choice of the lot 19c each.
15 doz. fine roman embroidered scarfs, sizes 20x36; 20x54 20x72, worth up to \$1.50, choice of the lot 75c each.
Crochet Bed spreads in Marseilles patterns, worth 75c at 49c.
1 case bed spreads, extra large size, well worth \$1.25 at 75c.

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Large lamb fleeced blankets, white and colored, extra weight at 49c pr.
11-4 grey blankets, cheap at \$1.25, our price 75c pr.
10-4 all wool scarlet and plaids at \$2.49 pr.
10 bales comforts, full size and weight at 49c each.
5 bales comforts, the \$1.00 kind, at 75c each.
10 doz. home made comforts, finest batting, fine sateen, sell at \$1.49 each.

Ladies' Furnishings.

100 doz. Ladies' fast black seamless hose 8c pr.
50 doz. Ladies' 40 gauge fast black hose double sole, worth 35c, 19c.
25 doz. Ladies' ribbed vests and pants, 7 lbs. to the doz., worth 35c for 21c each.
75 umbrellas, twilled union silk, steel rod, worth \$2.50 for \$1.69.
150 doz. Ladies' printed hemstitched hdkfs., worth \$1.00 for 35c.
25 doz. Coutil corsets, white or drab, high and low bust, three wide steels in the side, Sateen striped, worth \$1.00 for 50c.
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Ladies' muslin skirts with ruffle and tucks 45c each.

Children's frilling waists, all sizes 15c.

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Children's drawers, sizes 1, 2, 3 and 4 at 10, 12, 15 and 18c.

All of our ladies' linen collars 9c, odd sizes of the same goods 7c.

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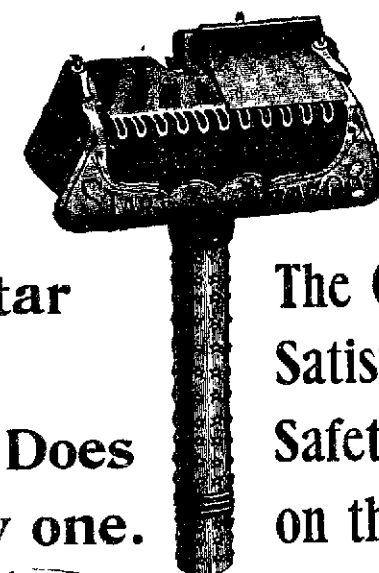
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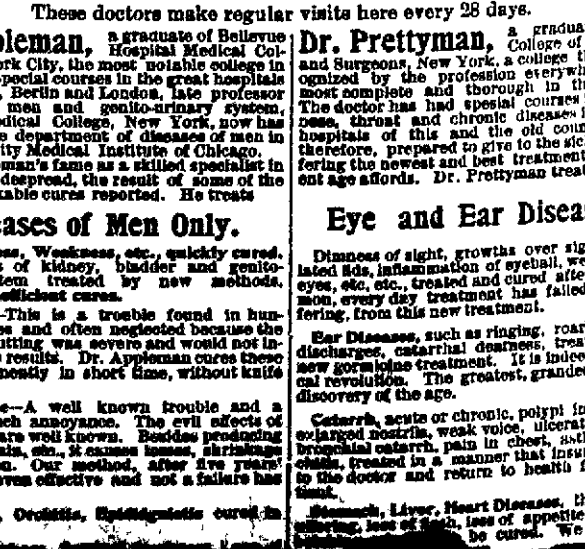
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